(b) The details of Handloom goods manufactured by the Primary Weavers' Cooperative Societies in Maharashtra during last 3 years are as under:—

(in Rs. lakhs

Year	Production of goods
1989	2904
1990	2189
1991	2681

(c) The stocks as of June 1991 with Primary Weavers' Cooperative Societies amounted to Rs. 720 lakhs, Stocks as of June 1991 with 3 Apex societies of Maharashtra amounted to Rs. 624 lakhs.

(d) Central Government, with matching share from State Government of Maharashtra, is providing financial assistance for promoting the marketing of handloom goods produced by Primary and Apex weavers Societies in the State. Government of India also organised national level exhibitions as well as disseminating new designs to increase marketing.

Voluntary retirement by Defence Personnel

*271. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the number of Defence Officers who sought voluntary retirement and the number of those whose requests were accepted during the last three years, year-wise and cadre-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):

No. of Defence Officers who sought voluntary retirement during the last three years

	1989	1990	1991	Total
Army	426	550	573	1,549
Army Medical Corps	108	98	137	343
Air Force	312	241	177	730
Navy	79	199	137	415
Deptt. of Defence Research & Development	1	1	2	4
Directorate General of Quality Assurance	3	3	4	10
	929	1,092	1,030	3,051

No. of Defence Officers whose requests were accepted during the last three years

	1989	1990	1991	Total
Army	234	434	393	1,061
Army Medical Corps	55	53	51	159
Air Force	280	221	162	663
Navy	55	166	109	330
Deptt. of Defence Research & Development	1	1	2	4
Directorate General of Quality Assurance	3	3	4	10
	628	878	721	2,227